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For the 2001 annual session of the Executive Board to be held at United Nations Headquarters from 4 to 8 June 2001

Summary

The present document contains the provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the 2001 annual session of the Executive Board. The annex contains the proposed timetable and organization of work for the session.

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Annotated provisional agenda

1. Opening of the session: statements by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director

Introductory statements will be made by the President and the Executive Director.

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work

[For action — E/ICEF/2001/7]

The provisional agenda has been structured in accordance with relevant Executive Board decisions, in particular the programme of work for 2001 adopted by the Board at its September 2000 session (E/ICEF/2000/8/Rev.1, decision 2000/18). The proposed timetable and organization of work, which has been shared with the Bureau (CF/EB/2001/21 of 16 April 2001), is contained in the annex.

Decisions will be adopted as the discussion of each agenda item is concluded. However, if required, time will be set aside for Board members to consult informally on all outstanding draft decisions.

3. Report of the Executive Director (Part II)

[For information — E/ICEF/2001/4 (Part II)]

This is the third annual report of the Executive Director on progress towards achieving the organizational priorities of the UNICEF medium-term plan for 1998-2001 (E/ICEF/1998/13 and Corr.1) as requested by the Executive Board at its January 1999 session (E/ICEF/1999/7/Rev.1, decision 1999/7). It covers actions and developments during 2000, taking into account the requirements specified in relevant Executive Board decisions.

4. Summary of mid-term reviews and major evaluations of country programmes

[For information — E/ICEF/2001/P/L.50-E/ICEF/2001/P/L.56]

These reports were prepared in response to Executive Board decision 1995/8 (E/ICEF/1995/9/Rev.1), adopted at the first regular session of 1995, in which the secretariat was requested to submit to the Board a summary of the outcome of MTRs and major country programme evaluations, specifying, inter alia, results achieved, lessons learned and the need for any adjustment in the country note.

The reports cover Eastern and Southern Africa (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.50); West and Central Africa (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.51); Americas and the Caribbean (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.52); East Asia and the Pacific (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.53); South Asia (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.54); Middle East and North Africa (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.55); and Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and the Baltic States (E/ICEF/2001/P/L.56). Each report will be introduced by the respective regional director.

5. Ensuring children's rights in Africa

Progress in ensuring children's rights in Africa is considered by the Executive Board on a biennial basis. At this session, the secretariat will provide an update on implementation of the UNICEF policy in Africa. The Board may wish to comment on the presentation and provide guidance to the secretariat, as necessary.

6. Report on the third session of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health

[For action — E/ICEF/2001/11]

Under this agenda item, the Executive Board will have before it for review the report on the third session of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA CCH, held in New York on 19 and 20 April 2001. The Executive Board may wish to take note of the report and any recommendations contained therein.

7. UNICEF experience in sector-wide approaches

[For action — E/ICEF/2001/10]

In response to comments made by delegations at the September 2000 Board session, the secretariat informed the Board that it would address the issue of SWAPs at a session in 2001 (E/ICEF/2000/8/Rev.1, para. 420). The Board may wish to consider and adopt the draft recommendation contained in the report.

8. UNICEF activities in immunization

[For information — E/ICEF/2001/9]

The secretariat will report on UNICEF activities in immunization, including the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization. The Board may wish to comment on the report and provide guidance to the secretariat, as necessary.

9. Field visits of Executive Board members

[For information — E/ICEF/2001/CRP.7 and E/ICEF/2001/CRP.8]

Selected by their respective regional groups, a team of Executive Board members visited The Gambia and Senegal in the West and Central Africa region (5-17 May 2001). Another team visited the Republic of Moldova and Romania in the Central and Eastern Europe, CIS and Baltic States region (6-17 May 2001). The purpose of the visits is to enable Board members to observe UNICEF programme activities in the field. Each team will present its report.

10. Update on the preparatory process for the General Assembly Special Session on Children in 2001

Under this agenda item, the secretariat will report on the state of preparations for the Special Session on Children to be held from 19 to 21 September. Included will be a briefing on the major thrusts of the third substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session, to be held from 11 to 15 June, and discussion of the end-decade reviews.

11. Other matters

The Board may consider discussing any other issues that it finds timely and appropriate under this agenda item.

12. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President of the Executive Board

The Executive Director and the President will make concluding remarks, followed by the closure of the session.

Annex

Proposed timetable and organization of work for the 2001 annual session of the Executive Board, 4 to 8 June*

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Wednesday, 6 June	a.m.	Item 4 (cont'd)	Summary of MTRs and major evaluations of country programmes (continued)
	p.m.	Item 5	Ensuring children's rights in Africa
Thursday, 7 June	a.m.	Item 6	Report on the third session of the WHO/UNICEF/ UNFPA CCH
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Friday, 8 June	a.m.	Item 9	Field visits of Executive Board members
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* When consideration of an agenda item concludes ahead of the allocated time, the next item will be taken up for consideration and the timetable adjusted accordingly.